

FATHER JOHN J. SCHON DIES



Funeral services were held here Jan. 25. Burial service was held next day at Carthage, Ohio.

Father John Schon—the outstanding symbol of kindness, generosity and piety in the minds of many St. Joseph's alumni—died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage, Jan. 23, at four p. m. in the college health center.

He was forty-five. He suffered a stroke that morning, and never regained consciousness.

For the past eight years Father Schon served as treasurer of the college. In charge of the college's 1,600-acre farm, and as St. Joseph's purchasing agent, he was widely known through the middle west among farmers and business men. The name of Father Schon was the by-word for a fair deal.

Born in Custer, Ohio, Father Schon studied here from 1913 to 1919. He was ordained May

21, 1925, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio.

He first served as a curate of St. Joseph's parish, Wapakoneta, Ohio, and later at St. Agnes Academy, Fond du Lac, Wis., as chaplain and instructor.

In 1929 Father Schon was transferred to Catholic University for graduate study. Two years later, with an M.A. degree in physics and mathematics, he joined the science department of St. Joseph's.

As college treasurer since 1938, Father Schon was a key man in the erection of Seifert, Noll, and Xavier halls and the fieldhouse. He introduced widespread improvements in the campus kitchens, powerhouse, and on the farm.

CONTACT Vets Invade Drexel, Seifert, As Fifty Enroll January 28

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Browning Cited In Sea Rescue

"For excellent service in the line of his profession," Ensign Charles H. Browning, '43, has been awarded a navy letter of commendation, and the commendation ribbon.

The citation, signed by Admiral R. K. Turner, praises Browning for quick action while assistant navigation officer on LST No. 628, June 1, 1945, near Ulithi. It reads:

"After an enlisted man had fallen into the sea while retrieving a small boat, he, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, swam to the aid of the exhausted swimmer, and sustained him until both he and his shipmate were located and brought aboard. Through this courageous action he contributed materially to the saving of the seaman's life. His conduct gives evidence of his great value to the naval service."

Sgt. W. J. Browning, '43, a brother of Charles, returned to the states on the Queen Mary Sept. 10, and has been discharged. He served with the 35th Division in the 110th Medical Unit. Home address of both is: 1665 Lincoln Ave., Evansville, (14), Ind.

PAUL B. REINWAND, '20

The new address of Paul Reinwand is : 936 No. LeClaire Ave., Chicago, (51), Ill.

Who Recalls 1914 Raleigh Election?

Who remembers the Raleigh Smoking club election of 1914? John Gerwert was chosen president; John Bruin vice-president; J. McCaffrey, secretary; and Godfrey Silverstein, marshal.

In the 1941 alumni directory, John Gerwert is out in St. Louis, Mo. Father John Bruin is pastor of St. John's parish, Payne, O., at last reports.

The names of J. McCaffrey and Godfrey Silverstein were not in the directory. CONTACT will deeply appreciate information concerning these two.

Priesthood Calls Eleven of '40

Eleven former St. Joe students will be ordained priests of the Society of the Precious Blood Feb. 2, at St. Charles Seminary. Most of them left Collegeville in 1940.

CONTACT, then, doffs its foolscap and sends best wishes to the following Reverends:

John M. Behen, Raymond M. Cera, William F. Dougherty, Albert J. Fey, Leo J. Gaulrapp, Arthur G. Grevenkamp.

Robert F. Lechner, Carl B. Reikowsky, Daniel E. Schaefer, Kenneth J. Seberger, and Francis B. Sullivan.

HODOUS MARRIES

The wedding of Capt. Francis C. Hodous, '40, and Miss Giselda Pamine Petri, of Euclid, Ohio, was solemnized Dec. 29, 1945.

A large-scale invasion will be pulled off in Collegeville when approximately fifty war veterans enroll Jan. 28 for the new semester.

According to the Rev. C. G. Kern, '31, registrar, nineteen of the ex-G.I.'s will be former St. Joe students. They are: Jim Beane, Evansville, Ind.; Norman (Bud) Bowman, Rensselaer, Ind.; John Cangany, Indianapolis; Carl Caston, Akron, Ohio; Frank Coman, Gary; Roy Czarnicki, Chicago.

Jack Ford, Louisville; John V. Guckien, Camden, Ind.; Dave

Jones, Gary; Tom Joyce, Bureau, Ill.; Francis Meyers, Indianapolis; Andre Mongeau, Kankakee, Ill.

Dan O'Loughlin, Kankakee, Ill.; Charles Ploszek, Oak Lawn, Ill.; Donald Smith, Kalida, Ohio; Charles Sudrovech, LaPorte, Ind.; Joe Grace, Frankfort, Ind.; Robert Taugher, Vincennes, Ind.; Robert Blanton, Ironton, Ohio.

Father Kern announced that to date the tally of war vets coming to St. Joe at the semester for the first time, reaches twenty-seven.

Attacks Peace Draft

A 1932 grad levels his guns in this recent Toledo Catholic Chronicle feature:

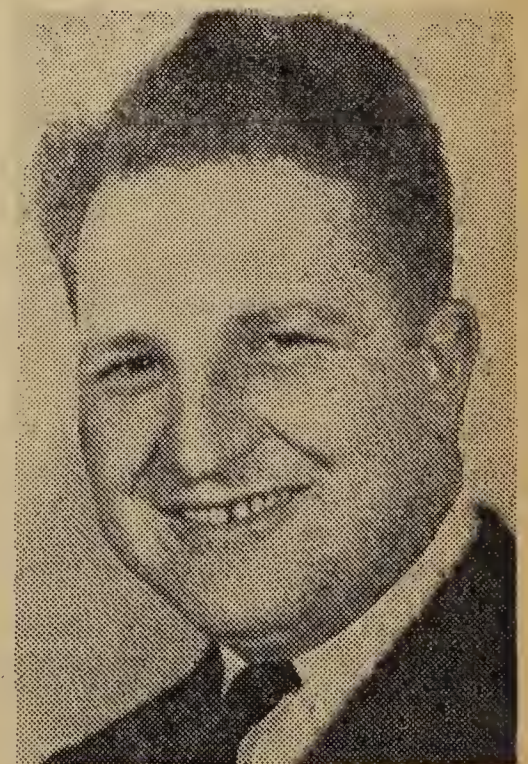
"Donald Besanceney, 312 Boston Place, Toledo, looks upon peacetime conscription as an outright violation of the rights of the individual and a move which will be costly to American youth.

Rather than training millions of men to fight, Mr. Besanceney would like to see the same effort put into the promotion of peace, and a study of the fundamentals of Christian charity.

"We have been victorious in two wars without peacetime conscription and to inaugurate it now may destroy the very spirit which has led to these victories," declared the Toledoan who was a chief yeoman in the U. S. Naval Reserve for three years.

"Americans hate war and regi-

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Don Besanceney, '32

News and Pix in '46--Send 'Em in!

St. Charles Seminary
Carthage, Ohio

NAS, Boca Chica, Fla.
Jan. 10, '46—Temp. 80.

406 Line St.
Loogootee, Ind.

Dear Editor,

You can't fill CONTACT with good intentions!

Here is an answer to your call to alumni to give news and information on each other:

Sgt. Paul LeSage, '41, is expected back from the Philippines and the Pacific any day, if he has not arrived already.

Lt. (jg) Bob Causland, '43, came back from the Pacific shortly after V-J day. He went to school in San Diego for awhile. At present he is in charge of detachments which are being brought back to naval centers. He had a five-day Christmas leave at home. His present address is not known.

Jerome Held, '40, of Massillon, Ohio, is discharged from the army and intends to avail himself of the G. I. Bill by studying organ at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

My brother, Cyril Wendeln, '43, in the army since last February and overseas since September, is working in the Inspector General's office in Manila. He prepares discharge papers for army veterans, thus expediting their release when they hit the states. He likes Manila and the work, and may remain in the army.

Carl Reichert, '39, is out of the Marines and is back at Findlay College where he is playing basketball.

Tomorrow night we hear Eddie Doherty. Despite my enthusiasm for Eddie's present interracial work, I'll always think of him foremost as a newspaper man.

Sincerely,
Bob Wendeln, '41.

Brunnerdale Seminary.
R. R. 1, Canton, Ohio

Dear Editor,

Lawrence (Mike) Moriarity, 38, left his subscription price for CONTACT with me. Enclosed please find the money, and add him to the mailing list. His address is 1428 Woodland Ave., N.W., Canton, (3), Ohio.

Mike has been married since the fall of 1944 and is still in the army. Their one boy, age three months, he has named Michael Patrick.

Do you remember that tall fellow from Kentucky, Stan Skees? You might remember his article on "Hats" back in '37 or so. During the war he was a second lieutenant in the air forces. He should be enrolled at the U. of Kentucky, for he was released last September.

Stan and Mrs. Skees now have two sons. They dropped in at Brunnerdale almost two years ago.

There has been no news from Carl Harrison, '37.

Sincerely yours,
Brother Edward, C.P.P.S.

Maria Stein, Ohio

Dear Editor,

Enclosed find three "singles." Your message to the alumni and the enclosed yellow slip found me last fall in the Philippines. After my "readjustment" to civilian life is completed, may I be more prompt in contacting St. Joe.

I spent the Christmas of '45 at Maria Stein, the first at home for four years. Send CONTACT and Stuff to Maria Stein.

Sincerely yours,
Cyril A. Bernard, '41.

Dear Editor,

Since my last letter I have been transferred to Charlestown, R. I., and then to Boca Chica. I flew down the entire east coast and what a thrill that was! This sunny warmth surely is invigorating and full of vitamins. I've acquired a healthy tan, too!

(Stop, Chuck! We had zero here this morning. Wait until I squeeze a little tighter against this radiator!)

Expect to be discharged about the time wintry blasts leave Chicago. We're about 163 miles southwest of Miami, and five miles from Key West. This weather is really a treat!

Sincerely,
Chuck Levandowski, '43.

Kwajalein Atoll
146th AACs, APO 241
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Editor,

Hello to all St. Joe from Kwajalein, the island in the Marshalls. We should all be very thankful that there is no place like this back in the states!

I went overseas in January, 1944, and landed in New Caledonia, originally as an Engineer replacement, but found myself in the air corps airways communications system.

In New Cal I studied cryptography, learning how to encode and decode messages. In March, 1944, I began a seven-month tour as a cryptographer on Guadalcanal. Then back to New Cal and on to Hawaii for duty at Hickam Field.

One day I climbed into a C-54. When I got out it was four a. m. Christmas morning, 1944, on Kwajalein. If things keep moving maybe I'll see home in February or March. On my vacation I want to bring my wife down to St. Joe.

I enjoyed the September issue of Stuff. Father Sheeran looks himself and brings back happy memories. He may have put on a little weight—you can tell him this for it's too late to flunk me in junior English anymore! All kidding aside, he's swell!

Father Nieset's picture reminds me of our good old freshman chemistry class. Father Stan and I were both from Michigan City and used to spend many hours in the Raleigh Club talking things over.

And what a surprise to learn that the Academy has an eleven-man football team! (Wait until you hear about our eleven-game winning streak, Fitz.)

Please pass best wishes around for me to all the priests and brothers.

Sincerely,
Arthur J. Fitzsimmons, '41.

2915 W. 39th Place
Chicago, (32), Ill.

Dear Editor,

Here is some really good news:
Bill ('41) is coming home!

I received a letter today dated Dec. 10, the day he checked on the boat. He's coming home via the Pacific on the USS Alderman. The captain of the ship told him the trip to the states would take twenty-five to thirty days.

Sincerely,
Estelle Kozielski.

Dear Editor,

Just a line to tell you where my son, Bill Daily, 43, is located at present. On Dec. 18 he wrote from Tokyo Bay. He is on LST No. 540. He's made several trips from the Philippines to Japan. He spent V-J Day on Okinawa. He was commissioned an Ensign at Cornell U., Sept. 20, 1944.

Bill and his brother Louis entered St. Joseph's in September, 1941. Louis, an army Master Sergeant, has spent sixteen months in China and India. He is waiting in Calcutta for a ship to bring him home. The boys have a brother in the Navy at Pearl Harbor. Bill enjoys getting CONTACT. I send it to him. His address is: USS LST No. 540, c/o Fleet Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

Sincerely,
Mrs. W. M. Daily.

Hq. 2nd Repl. Depot
APO 776, New York, N. Y.

Dear Editor,

My headquarters now are in Bastogne, Belgium, where, you remember, the battle of the Bulge was fought.

Franklin Klumpe, '39, wandered into my office the second day after Christmas. He works at the message center in Hq. GFRC in Paris. Howard Haman, '40, was until recently a cook in the 16th Repl. Depot at Chateau Thierry.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Gilbert Esser, '18,
Major, U. S. A.

Church Home and Hospital
Baltimore, (31), Maryland

Dear Editor,

Enclosed are my alumni dues and subscription money for CONTACT and Stuff. They are long overdue, but I am kept busy with the chores of my internship.

Around next July I am scheduled to report for active duty with the army medical corps. After that I don't know what. Some day I hope to get settled and obtain some further training.

Sincerely,
Jack Patton, '42.

629 No. 7th St.
East St. Louis, Ill.

Dear Editor,

Had expected to be at St. Joe for the coming semester. However, the story has changed. Hope to return next September.

Please accept the enclosed for alumni and publication fees, and send CONTACT and Stuff to my home address.

Sincerely,
Chester Skrabacz, '44.

C O N T A C T

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Newer Vintage on Draft



PUMA PRINTS

Name of the new St. Joe varsity coach still goes unannounced. CONTACT hopes to divulge the good news next issue.

Little Joe Puma, the furry Collegeville mascot, who escaped circus winter quarters to come to college, has returned to the campus, this time for good.

One day he heard a referee's whistle, and saw Coach Stan Wisniewski, '42, working out a bunch of collegians from Drexel Hall. So Joe climbed up on the backboard and helped push Puma shots through the hoop.

The team, known as the Puma B's, beat the Rensselaer Merchants, 41 to 34. Then they journeyed to Valpo and took on a team of hardwood giants. They held the Uhlans down to a 17-14 halftime advantage, but were on the short end of the final, 45 to 27. More games are scheduled.

Next year's full-time sports show got another shot in the arm recently with the scheduling of St. Ambrose, at Davenport, Iowa, next Oct. 27. A full schedule will be announced soon.

Cub scores since last issue:
Cubs 43; Wheatfield 21.
Cubs 46; Tefft 27.
Cubs 43; LaCrosse 27.
Cubs 46; So. Bend C. 27.
Cubs 35; DeMotte 31.
Cubs 47; Wheatfield 22.
Cubs 56; Hammond C. C. 69.

In the first three games shown above, Dick Scharf's high schoolers swept the Kankakee Valley Tournament, held Jan. 10-11-12 in DeMotte.

After an eleven-game win streak, the little Pumas dropped a high-scoring contest to Hammond Central Catholic, 69 to 56. No alibis. It was a good game. That makes an 11-2 season to date.

The Cubs will get a chance at revenge when Hammond C. C. invades the fieldhouse, Feb. 4. It ought to be a wow of a bout.

Hot-stove leaguers uptown are sure that the Puma Cubs will meet Rensselaer high school in the sectional tournament, set this year for Feb. 21-22-23 at Morocco.

JOHN SINGLETARY, '42

John hit the states last Dec. 13. Eight days later he was John Q. Citizen Singletary again. He hit Collegeville, Jan. 8, and told about his nineteen months overseas.

Fourteen of those months he spent as a supply sergeant on Saipan. He could qualify as alumni secretary on that island, as he watched Ed Bandjough, Conny Vanderkolk, Larry Bechler, and Charley Sweet come and go during his stay there. (420 Madeline St., Joliet, Ill.)

JOHN PHELAN, '39

John came back with John Singletary early in January. His home address is 1500 Glynwood Avenue, Joliet, Ill. He is assigned to the purchasing department of the U. S. Rubber Co., Chicago.

JOHN GOETZ, '43

As a carefree St. Joe freshman, John used to answer magazine ads which offered free samples. That was his hobby.

Almost overnight he was carrying a rifle into Germany with the 28th Infantry. Out in front, he got in the way of enemy machine guns. His unit was cut off. A few hours later he was looking up into the face of a German doctor in a German hospital.

The doctor formerly studied in this country. He mended John's wounds and broken bones. One day, fully recovered, Infantryman Goetz walked out of the hospital undetected and into the Russian lines. He was "incognito" for seven months.

Last July 21 John married Miss Betty Knapke. John and Betty visited the campus two weeks ago. He is seriously considering resuming his chemistry studies at the semester. John's headquarters: 10 So. Wood St., Wapakoneta, Ohio.

ED BIRSACK, '43

The third army air forces navigator to return to the campus in the past month was Ed Biersack, of 325 Grove Ave., Dayton (4), Ohio. (Dave Jones, '40, who will resume St. Joe studies at the semester, and Ray Hemmert, '43, are the other two.)

Ed was commissioned a second lieutenant last February, and was assigned to the navigator's table in a B-29 Superfortress. He spent a day on the campus, Jan. 16, and will report back to Selina, Kansas, on the 27th.

RAY HEMMERT, '43

Did you know that Ray Hemmert served as Court Bailiff and Assignment Commissioner of the Court of Common Pleas, Auglaize County, Ohio, for two years prior to his entry at St. Joe?

In February, 1944, he mar-

ried his wife, Martha, also from back home in Wapakoneta. Shortly afterward he was commissioned as an army navigator assigned to B-25's, and headed for the China-Burma-India theater. He flew seventy-one missions.

Early in January Ray and Martha visited Collegeville. Ray expects to study architecture, possibly at C. U. in Washington. (209 Washington St., Wapakoneta, Ohio.)

JIM BOGAN, '43

Jim pulled away from St. Joe in August, '43, with a diploma under his arm. Two months later he was boning away at Columbia University's midshipman school. In February, '44, he won an ensign's stripe.

Ensign Bogan was assigned as a communications watch officer for an LST flotilla staff. He served eighteen months at this duty in the Pacific, and merited a promotion to the rank of Lt. (jg). Decatur, Ind., looked mighty elegant to Jim Bogan when he finally packed home. On Dec. 29 he married Miss Eileen Hess, also of Decatur. Jim and Eileen visited the campus two weeks ago.

TOM SCHEIBER, '43

Tom spent Jan. 18-19 renewing old acquaintances at St. Joe. He was commissioned an ensign in the Navy last July 3 and assigned to further training in torpedo firing.

He reported to Norfolk, Va., Jan. 24, for transportation seaward, where he will rendezvous with his ship, the new 2200-ton destroyer, the U.S.S. Power. (95 Sycamore St., Tiffin, Ohio.)

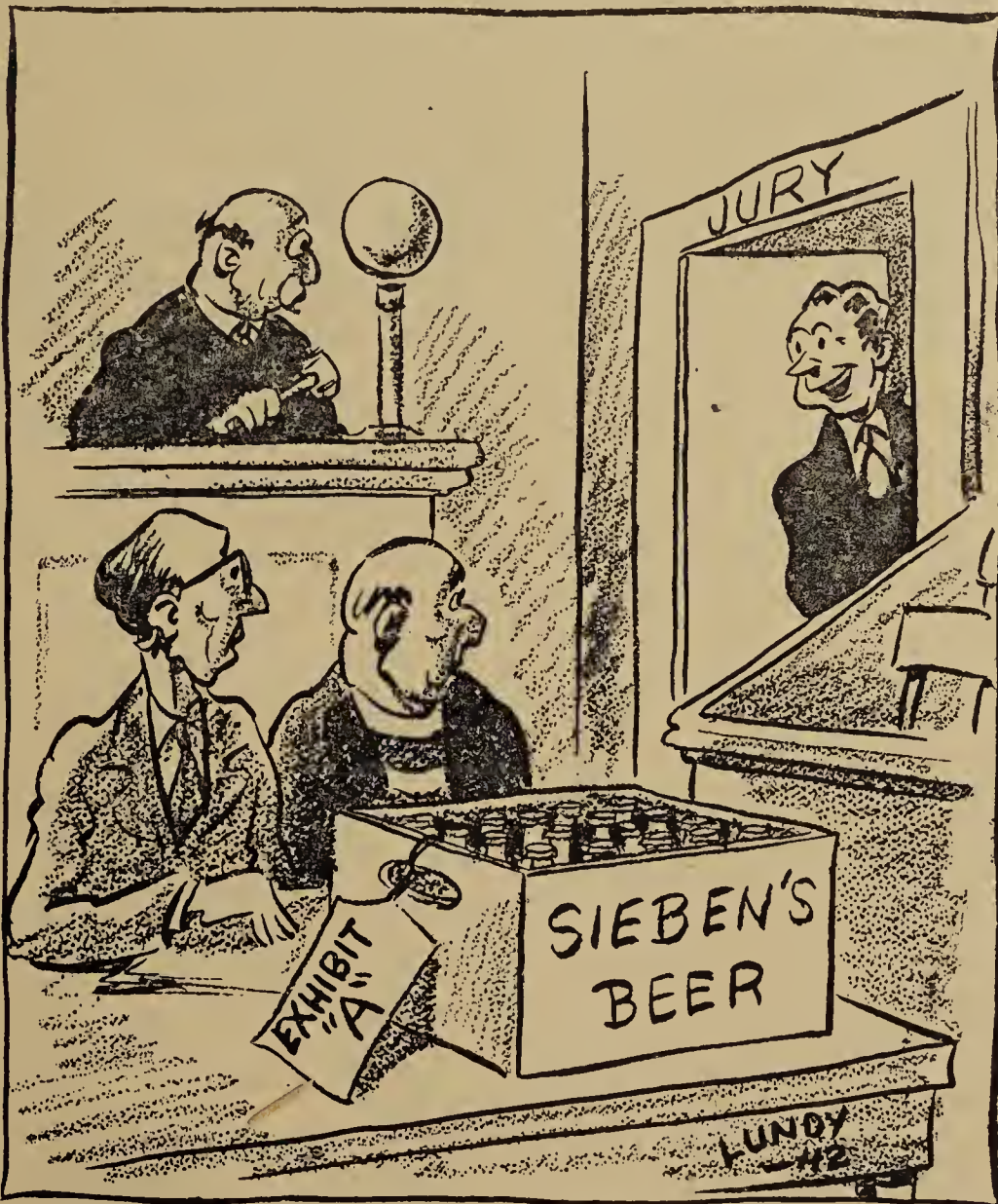
FRANCIS COMAN, '43

An academy graduate of '43, Frank visited the campus two weeks ago squaring things away for his entry into St. Joe college at the semester.

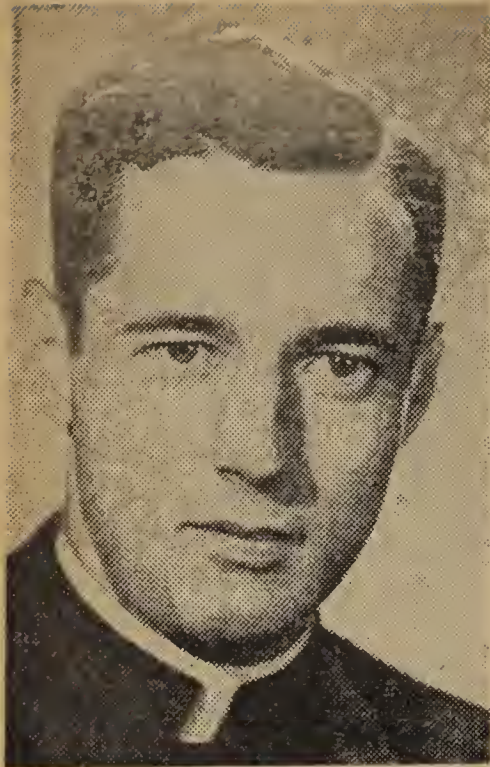
He served two years with the infantry. Near Cologne, he stopped a German machine gun bullet. He was sent home with a Purple Heart and an honorable discharge, when the wound developed complications.

JACK FORD, '42

After forty months as a navy signalman on world-girdling merchant ships, Jack was released Nov. 20. He visited the campus to check over his credits with a view to returning soon. Jack's home address is 1967 Richmond Drive, Louisville, Ky.



"The jury would like to go into Exhibit 'A' further before arriving at a verdict."



Rev. Richard Dunn, '40



Rev. Herman Fortman, '39

Two former alumni recently ordained in the Diocese of Toledo are the Rev. Herman Fortman, '39, Ottawa, Ohio; and the Rev. Richard Dunn, '40, Tiffin, Ohio. The Rev. Walter Pax, '23, of the Collegeville faculty, preached at Father Fortman's first Mass.

Two Early Grads Get Papal Honor

MSGR. TRAVERS, '99

Latest in the series of investitures attended recently by the V. Rev. H. A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., Ph.D., president of St. Joseph's, was that of the Right Rev. Msgr. Thomas Travers, Jan. 10, at St. Mary's Church, Anderson, Ind.

Msgr. Travers, a St. Joe alumnus of '99, was invested in the robes of a Prothonotary Apostolic. After the ceremonies he made use of his new privileges by offering a Pontifical High Mass.

MSGR. HORDEMAN, '00

Investiture in the robes of a papal chamberlain, at St. Mary's church, Frankfort, Ind., was the honor bestowed Jan. 20 upon the V. Rev. Msgr. William B. Horde-man.

Mass of St. Charles Borromeo was sung by the St. Joseph's choir directed by Father Henry Martin, '35. Other members of the faculty attended the ceremonies.

Fred Hendricks, '37, Enters Tech School

He wasn't wrapped in a gift package. Fred C. Hendricks, '37, walked in at 6830 Dorchester Ave., Chicago, on or about Christmas day, fresh from Camp Barkley, Texas. In his pocket were the papers which read, "Honorably Discharged."

Planning to enter a technical school, Fred, formerly of Defiance, Ohio, took pre-philosophy while at St. Joe. He asked for his credits. The GI Bill will help him through.

—MORE ABOUT—

BESANCENEY

mentation; they have only one thought in mind when they are called on to fight a war—to win and to return home.

The former chief yeoman also pointed out that the atomic bomb has created an entirely new phase of war which is still beyond the comprehension of our best military minds. Training men in close order drill will be no protection against it.

"In the event of World War III we shall be much farther ahead if we do not now disrupt the studies of our future scientists, our production engineers, our research men and our medical experts for a year of outmoded military training in order to satisfy a group of small-minded politicians who are in office by reason of our lack of thought and interest in government," Mr. Besancene-y stated.

"In my three years in the Navy I never heard one of my superiors, except the chaplain, advance a single moral reason for observance of the Sixth Commandment. They spoke often of precautions and of cures with regard to the body but not one word on the damage to the soul.

"Let's not be so quick to subject young boys to temptations that some of their own fathers would not be sturdy enough to withstand."

"Let's not cultivate a taste for anything as evil as war. Only too soon would our leaders be willing to try our strength. It is silly to think of a manager training a boxer without wanting to schedule him for any bouts to see if he had a world's champion. The same would be true of an army."

Chem Column

By Father Al Wuest

The questionnaires have been sent and I am looking forward to your answers.

Our plans for the second semester include Father Siegrist. He is returning to the campus after several years of research in chemistry and biology at the Institutum Divi Thomae, Cincinnati. Many of you older graduates remember Father Siegrist as the man who very efficiently taught you freshman chemistry. Together with teaching, he will continue research here at St. Joe.

Father Fred Koch teaches chemistry in the academy. We are looking forward to the day when he will join us in the college. At St. Bonaventure he obtained his degree. Father Fred has maintained his interest in chemistry through all his years at the seminary.

During the past month we have had a number of visitors in the department. Doctor and Mrs. Frank Benchik came up for a chat and a look through the labs. John and Betty Goetz, married last summer, also dropped in. The army tried to make an engineer out of John at Harvard (he has lost the accent). But in spite of this he still hopes to finish his work in chemistry, and we hope at St. Joe. Lt. (jg) Jim Bogan and his wife were on the campus the other day. After a look around the labs and the department he agreed that Collegeville was pretty nice to come back to.

I have frequently heard that chemists are men of good

judgment. Having met the wives of the men who returned for a visit, I am convinced of this truth. Congratulations to them all!

There have been a few letters since the last column. Bob Causland is still in the Navy as a Lt. (jg), but is now in the states. Bob has his eye on refresher courses and chemistry in general after his release from the service.

Doctor Jack Patton has also written recently. He suggests that chem majors ought to organize into a little alumni band of their own. He feels that although we get together but seldom, perhaps we could accomplish a purpose through correspondence. Think it over. I am quite interested to hear what the rest of you think about the idea.

About these questionnaires I mailed you. The ordinary return on such a venture is usually very poor. But from you fellows I'm looking for 100 per cent!

C. BLACKWELL MARRIES

Capt. Carroll Blackwell, '41, is on terminal leave following service in the Records Division of the Adjutant General's office, Pearl Harbor.

Carroll will marry Miss Barbara Shaw, Feb. 2, in St. Jude's Church, Fort Wayne.

G. R. SCHREIBER, '43

Hard at work in the inner sanctum of a Chicago skyscraper you will find G. R. Schreiber, '43, one of the editors of Billboard.

The new address of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. is 5487 Greenwood Ave., Chicago 15.

ED O'DONNELL, '43

Dear Editor,

Enclosed is a money order, part payment of my debt to St. Joseph's. It is something you can put toward the student loan fund.

Cpl. Edward J. O'Donnell
202 Cedar Avenue
Peoria, Ill.

ED BANDJOUGH, '42

Expect to arrive stateside in the first half of January, and will go to Jacksonville, Fla., for separation. After that I'm going on a fifty-five day terminal leave with my wife and baby. (I've never seen the baby—just taking her word for it.)

Edward A. Bandjough



Out at Camp Pinedale, Fresno, Cal., a daily news roundup blared forth daily over the loud speaker system. For the past ten months the man behind the microphone was Sgt. Paul Monastyrski, '36.

"The popular Information and Education NCO is a native of 2015 Davidson Place, Whiting, Ind., where, before his army service he could be found in the shipping office of Standard Oil," reads a passage in the Interceptor, the camp newspaper.

Paul was recently released from service. He has lined up several radio auditions in Los Angeles.